



# PSC NEWS

## Missouri Public Service Commission

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### **PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN LACLEDE GAS REQUEST TO ADJUST INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE**

Jefferson City (November 8, 2004)---Laclede Gas Company has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to adjust the monthly infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) on the natural gas bills of its customers.

According to Laclede's application, the natural gas company is seeking an adjustment to its ISRS rate schedule to reflect investments in ISRS-eligible infrastructure system replacements made during the period from January through September 2004. Currently residential customers pay a monthly surcharge of 45 cents. Laclede Gas Company is seeking to increase that by 20 cents to 65 cents a month.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **November 24, 2004**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Michael C. Pendergast, Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, Room 1520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Under legislation enacted in 2003 (HB 208), natural gas companies under PSC jurisdiction can petition the Commission to establish an infrastructure system replacement surcharge. This surcharge would allow Laclede Gas Company to recover costs for infrastructure system replacements and relocations that are eligible for ISRS recognition under state law. Under the law, the Commission must act on an ISRS request within 120 days of the Company's filing. When a filing is made, the Commission must determine if the request complies with the law. If it does, the surcharge is allowed to take effect.

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 630,000 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.

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